

INPUT PROCESSING METHOD AND INPUT CONTROL APPARATUS

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ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

10 An input processing method and input control
apparatus that enable switching between normal operation
and hovering operation to be accomplished with a very
simple operation in an information processing apparatus
that uses a touch input device such as a tablet or the
like as an input device. During a period that an
improved hovering mode according to the present invention
15 is set active, the time interval between a pen up motion
and a subsequent pen down motion is detected. If the
time interval is equal to or longer than a predetermined
length of time, pen down information to be sent to the OS
is set OFF, thereby effecting the hovering operation. On
20 the other hand, if the time interval is shorter than the
predetermined length of time, the pen down information to
be sent to the OS is set ON, thereby effecting the normal
operation. Thus, in the improved hovering mode, with an
extra tap of a pen, the immediately following pen
25 operation works as if it were performed in normal mode.